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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/673,213                      Group Art Unit: 2129  
Filing Date: September 30, 2003              Examiner: Adrian KENNEDY  
Applicant: Thomas BIRKHOELZER  
Title: HEALTHCARE WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND  
METHOD WITH CONTINUOUS STATUS MANAGEMENT AND  
STATE-BASED INSTRUCTION GENERATION  
Attorney Docket: 32860-000632/US

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May 19, 2010

**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated February 19, 2010, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination. But, Applicants do not necessarily agree with any of the Examiner's characterizations of what the prior art allegedly teaches. Further, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim should be limited solely by the limitations set forth therein and should not be limited, in any way, by the Examiner's statements regarding

limitations not set forth therein or the Examiner's references to the Specification. Finally, Applicants note that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the prior art of record.

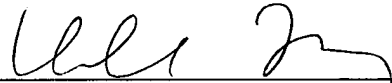
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.


Respectfully submitted,

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